

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A unitary three valve filter element support is used in a filter cartridge includes an annular filter element within a housing having a central opening surrounded by an array of radial channels at a distance from one another. The unitary support has an annular sealing lip which is positioned adjacent to the end cap of the filter element, which sealing lip deflects a first valve to allow oil to bypass the filter element if the filter element becomes clogged. A second valve is a dirty side anti-drainback valve located on a flange projecting from the unitary body. A third valve is a clean side valve located on the flange for allowing air to enter the hollow core of the annular filter element to prevent drainback of clean oil and to prevent refilling of the filter cartridge with used or unfiltered oil.

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